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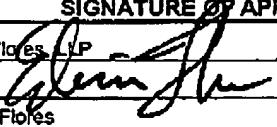
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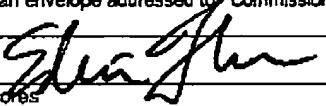
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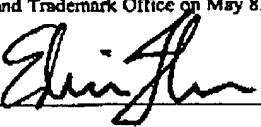
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8, 2006, due for response on or before May 8, 2006. In view of the following Amendments and Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims and begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.